

Future Planning Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday Oct 3, 2022

Present - [Chris Baglieri](#), Ann Marie, Melissa
Meeting began at 8:00 pm

Action Items from last meeting

- ~~Charlie - Set up shared drive~~
- Charlie - Draft intro email to congregations
- ~~Chris - Reach out to potential group members~~
- ~~Chris - Schedule meeting and email~~
- ~~Charlie/Chris - Draft of congregational survey~~
- Chris - Report to Board monthly

Old Business

Set deadlines for work schedule - Deferred

Discuss congregational survey - Deadline OCT

- Reviewed the Draft of the congregational survey. Input from group members added.

New Business

Access to shared drive for group members - Done.

Discussion of Congregational Models - Identification of UUA resources for congregation

- [Materials from UUA and other resources listed here.](#)

A discussion was held regarding HOW we are seeing our future options...

- Ann Marie - From the perspective of other congregations, this is less about partnering than about inviting individuals to join. We need to find another congregation with a matching "need." Wondering if big congregations (Beacon, Princeton) What benefit would they see in merging with us.
- Melissa - What then happens to our endowment funds, our archive, our physical materials?
- Chris - The purpose of this Future Planning group as making recommendations to the Board that will enable them to make a plan that can be presented to the congregation for purposes of honoring our stewardship of assets.

- Individuals will -ALWAYS- have the option of either moving as a group or “going their own way” but we see staying together as a worthwhile need to acknowledge, which makes planned “visits” to other congregations important.
- Worship can enable this by blocking out certain weeks and making a concerted effort to reach out to people that might not otherwise come.

We need to hold a meeting with Food Pantry stakeholders in order to discuss future options and needs for the Food Pantry, and potentially which congregations would most support their mission.

Action Items

- Invite Joanne and Guen again. And anyone else we think might be interested in helping to reach out to members for the survey.
- Chris - Establish with Charlie WHO is the Board Liaison to this group and will they be attending meetings weekly?
- Ann Marie will send phone list from Breeze in order to facilitate survey
- Chris/Worship - Reach out to congregations about visit days 12/22
Beacon/Montclair
- ~~Chris to add members to the shared drive.~~
- Chris/Melissa - Worship Committee to plan “visit days” to other congregations. This CAN happen in tandem with the congregational outreach.